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## 1988 ATCO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM APRIL 14th AT DeVRY

Plan now to attend the ATCO Technical Symposium to be held at the DeVry Institue of Technology.

# YOU'LL WANT TO READ:

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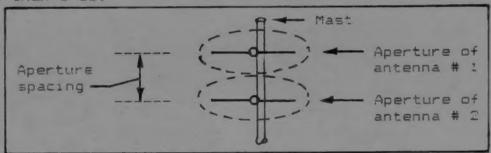
#### ANTENNA STACKING DISTANCE

What determines just how far apart two antennas should be spaced or stacked? To find out, several physical and electrical properties need to be taken into consideration. A few of the important parameters to be considered are as follows: the length of available rotatable mast above the tower, the number of ham bands to be utilized, the type of antennas selected, the gain of the antennas chosen, and the wavelength of the operating frequencies.

Another consideration when stacking antennas is which axis of the antenna array should exhibit the narrowest or widest angular acceptance - vertical or horizontal? Also, the wind loading of the completed multi-antenna multi-band arrays must not be ignored for the survival of the mast, tower, and antennas.

When stacking two equal antennas, impedance matching or a power divider is required. Otherwise, the 3 dB gain improvement sought for will not be obtained.

Antennas have a physical aperture and an effective electrical aperture, sometimes referred to as a capture area. A Yagi antenna has an effective aperture considerably larger than its physical size; a parabolic dish has an effective aperture somewhat less than its physical aperture. In order to obtain the possible 3 dB gain from stacking two identical antennas, the effective electrical apertures must not overlap. Space or stack the two antenna arrays so the effective apertures are tangential or just touching as shown in the illustration below. This allows maximum gain consistent with minimum stacking distance. If the electrical apertures overlap, the total power gain obtained will be less than 3 dB.



The effective aperture (Ae) of an antenna is a function of its power gain (Gi) and its operating wavelength (WL) as follows:

The antenna gain (Gi) is the power gain referenced to an isotropic source. If the antenna gain is in decibels, it must be converted. If the antenna gain is referenced to a dipole, then the antenna power gain (Gd) must be multiplied by 1.64 before using it in the equation. (Submitted by Bill, WBDMR.)

#### 1988 ATCO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

WHEN? - Thursday 14 April 1988, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

WHERE? - DeVry Technical Inst., 1350 Alum Creek Drive.

WHAT? - A technical comparison of the advantages and disadvantages amplitude or frequency modulation applied to the transσf mission fast scan amateur part television. The formal σf the program will last about 100 short minutes followed рA æ Then there will open discussion of the material presented which will complete the technical session. The symposium will adjourn for a buy-your-ownrefreshments social hour Elby's on Alum Creek Drive.

HOW? - Just follow the ATCO Newsletter map at the There's plenty of free parking in a well-lighted parking lot and easy access from the nearby I - 70East Freeway. If vou are planning to attend, please check-in on the Tuesday Night ATCO Net and tell us!

1-70 WEST ENTRÂNCE POMULOM COLUMBUS LIVINGSTON AVENUE GAS ALUM GA5 FYIT McDONALD'S ELBY'S GAS ALUM CREEK DR. ELIVINGSTON AVE. EXIT -Morth 3/4 MILE *♦-₩₩₩* EAST ENTRANCE -\$INDICATES TRAFFIC SIGNAL PARKING LOT GAS NOTE: 1350 NOT DRAWN SUN TV TANESVILLE KA8GZQ 4-88

FUN! - Bill, W8FRQ, plans to present the black and white 14 inch TV (which he donated) to the winner of the January Arithmetickler Contest. And last but not least, there will be some door prizes for lucky ATCO members in attendance.

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We thought you would like to know how your ATCO money was used during 1987 - so here goes.

On 23 October 1986, ATCO had \$72.01. Dues for 1987 were received from 40 members through 31 December (two members had already paid just before ATCO inactivity in 1986).

All ATCO members as of the last day of December 1987 received the January 1988 issue σf the ATCO Newsletter. Therefore. 1987 got the January, April, July, October and publications and the January 1988 newsletter. In Special Antenna Party Edition was printed in August.

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#### YAGI ANTENNA FOR 900 MH≥

Here's a 900 MHz Yagi antenna that can be made from readily available materials. The basic antenna measurements were taken from a F9FT Tonna which uses a single boom with 2-inch insulators to keep the elements well out of the field of the boom.

A double boom is used for the antenna described in this article. One boom is half-inch PVC plumbing pipe, and the other boom may be of either half-inch aluminum or rigid copper plumbing pipe. Each boom length is eight feet three inches, and PVC snap-in pipe hanger clamps back-to-back space the booms apart (see Fig. 1).

Small electric fence wire, welding rods, or similar material can be used to make the elements. Element lengths and spacing are indicated in Table 1. Dimensions for constructing the driven element are shown in Fig. 2. The same type of PVC clamps as mentioned above is used for mounting the elements on the PVC boom (see Fig 5). After drilling the PVC mounts, the elements are forced into each drilled hole. A drop of quick setting epoxy is put in the top hole to hold each element in place. Then, the elements are mounted on the PVC boom. When the elements are properly aligned, small self-tapping metal screws are driven through the clamps into the boom to keep the elements in place.

Any type clamp available is satisfactory for mounting the metal boom to a plastic pipe mast. A suggested means of mounting the antenna to a cross arm on the turning mast is illustrated in Fig. 3. A perspective view of the metal bracket is shown in Fig. 4. The antenna should be mounted on the bracket at its balance point.

Three hundred ohm flat twin-lead is used to feed the antenna. Caution: do not have any mast in line with the elements! (Tonna feeds their F9FT antenna with 50 ohm coax. Jack, W8VSY, has information from Tonna that they were able to arrive at 50 ohms by the spacing of the elements.)

Dale, WA8KQQ (Greenville), has been receiving signals with homebrew antenna from Jack, WBVSY (West Milton). Jack transmits video on 910.25 MHz using .8 watts. To date, no video has been seen, but when video is transmitted, a definite change in the noise pattern occurs on the screen. Dale is using his Yagi 60 feet of twin-lead into his shack and a short piece of RG-58 foam and a balun going to a PL-259 then to a SO-239 to a adapter resulting in several "lumps" in the line. A varactor tuner is used with a 12 inch black and white TV set. Audio received from a 30 to 50 MHz police radio with a short piece of wire dropped into the monitor. Soon, Dale will be using homebrew preamp made from a MMIC-MAR6 chip in front of the tuner and hopes such an arrangement will allow him to see Jack's video. (Submitted by Dale, WA8KQQ.)

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# SOLUTION TO JANUARY ARITHMETICKLER

This must have been a tough one to figure out because we had only four entries in the contest. Congratulations to Dick, W8RVH, for submitting the only correct answer and, therefore, being declared as the official winner of the 14 inch black and white TV monitor!

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	OUR	WINNER	- WBRY	'H!
******	*****	*******	******	*******

The solution:

At one time, Bill's transmitter was three times as old as Dave's – so let's call the age of Dave's transmitter at that time X and Bill's 3 X. When Dave's will be three times as old as Bill's was at that time, then its age will be 9 X. Then, when Bill's was half as old Dave's at that time, its age would be 4-1/2 X and Dave's would be 2-1/2 X. Bill's transmitter is now twice as old as Dave's was at that time or 5 X, and Dave's must be 3 X. Their transmitters' combined ages equal 44 years; therefore, we have the equation 8 X = 44 and X = 5-1/2. For that reason, Bill's transmitter, 5 X, equals 27-1/2 years, and Dave's transmitter, 3 X, equals 16-1/2 years of age.

[Let's all take a couple of aspirins and forget it! - Ed.]

#### NEW ATCO MEMBER

We welcome Doc, WBJDL, who recently joined our group.

#### FIVE INCH TV SET MODIFICATION

A Multitech portable five inch black and white TV set can be modified to receive ATV on the 440 and 900 MHz bands. The modifications described below are for sets manufactured in August 1987.

First, locate the 2200 ohm resistor (R110) on the circuit board between the tuner and the neck of the picture tube. By shorting this resistor, the tuner will go down to about 426 MHz. Next, check the voltage from this shorted resistor to the center pin of VR101 which is a potentiometer located right next to resistor R110 - the voltage should read about 23 to 24 volts. Adjust VR101 so that the voltage is approximately 30 volts, and you should be able to tune as high as 915 MHz. Multitech sets with other manufacture dates can be modified for 439 MHz but not for 900 MHz. (continued on page 13)

#### VIDEO MODULATOR FOR 2039 FINAL

Here is a schematic diagram (see Fig. 1) for a video modulator built from obtainable parts that works well with a 2039 tube final. This circuit modulates a 2039 in the T44 transmitter with good video quality.

Adjust R6 to obtain proper video modulation level. (Submitted by Guy, K8HVA.)

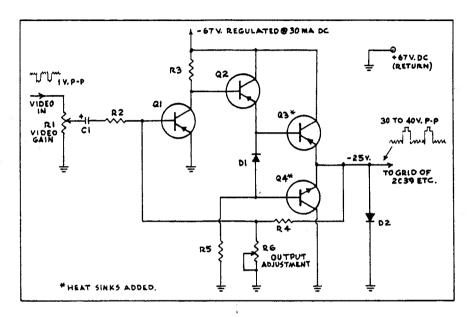


Fig 1. - SCHEMATIC FOR VIDEO MODULATOR FOR 2039 FINAL.

C1 - 500 uF, 15V dc, electro-

D1.D2 - diode (RS-276-1011)

Q1,Q2 - transistor (GE-221)

Q3 - transistor (RS-276-2026), with heat sink added

04 - transistor (RS-276-2018),
 with heat sink added

R1 - 100 ohms, video gain

R2 - 82 ohms

R3,R5 - 4.7 ohms, 1 watt

R4 - 20 k ohms

R6 - 2500 ohms, output

adjustment

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John, WA8EOY, describes a crystal controlled AM modulated 1.2 GHz ATV transmitter. All necessary construction details will accompany his article.

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Have you ever made up a coax cable only to find it was shorted? Here's a way to to make a quick fix. Place a high current source, such as a storage battery, between the center conductor and the shield. By so doing, the short should be burned out and thus eliminated. (Submitted by Dave, W8AER.)

#### YAGI ANTENNA FOR 900 MHz

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#### Table 1

# Element Lengths

## Element Spacing

R 6-1/2"	R to DE 2-1/4"	Dii to Di2 5"
DE see Fig. 2	DE to D1 1-7/8"	D12 to D13 5-1/8"
D1 5-5/8"	D1 to D2 1-1/8"	D13 to D14 5"
D2 5-1/2"	D2 to D3 3-3/4"	D14 to D15 5-1/8"
D3 5-3/8"	D3 to D4 3-7/8"	D15 to D16 5"
D4 5-5/16"	D4 to D5 3-3/4"	D16 to D17 5-1/8"
D5 5-1/4"	D5 to D6 4-7/8"	D17 to D18 5"
D6 5-3/16"	D6 to D7 5-1/2"	D18 to D19 5-1/8"
D7 5-1/8"	D7 to D8 4-5/8	D19 to D20 5"
D8 thru D10 5-1/16"	D8 to <b>D9</b> 5-1/8"	D20 to D21 5-1/8"
D11 thru D15 <b>5</b> -1/32"	D9 to D10 5"	
D16 thru D21 5"	D10 to D11 5-1/8"	

Note: D = director; DE = driven element; R = reflector. Length of 1/2" PVC pipe boom = 8/3"

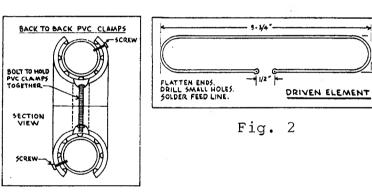


Fig. 1

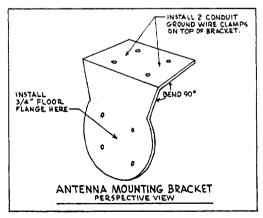


Fig. 4

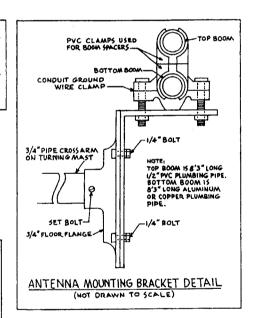


Fig. 3

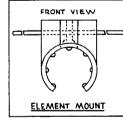


Fig. 5

#### MATCHING ANTENNAS

A quarter-wave length of line has the ability to transform the input impedance to another impedance in accordance with this formula:

$$Z_{\bullet} = \sqrt{Z_{\bullet} \times Z_{1}}$$

Where:  $Z_{\epsilon}$  is the characteristic impedance of the line needed for the matching section

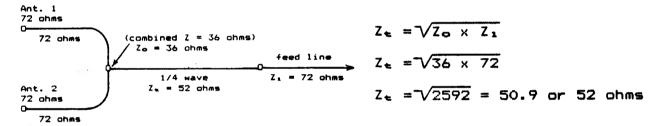
Zo is the impedance of the load (antenna)

Z<sub>1</sub> is the impedance of the feed line

The two examples below show the application of this formula.

#### EXAMPLE NUMBER 1

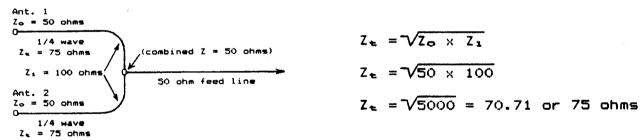
If a pair of antennas each having 72 ohm impedance are stacked, the combined impedance will be one-half of 72 ohms or 36 ohms. This may be transformed back to 72 ohms by the use of a quarter-wave section of 52 ohm coax.



#### EXAMPLE NUMBER 2

Match two antennas each having an impedance of 50 ohms to a 50 ohm feed line.

Transform the 50 ohm impedance of each antenna to 100 ohms by using a quarter-wave section of 75 ohm coax, then parallel the two to obtain the required 50 ohm feed line impedance.



After the impedance and dimensions of the quarter-wave matching section have been determined, any number of half-wave sections may be added to attain the required physical length - each half-wave section of line will repeat the impedance at its input. The half-wave lines may be of any impedance.

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# ATV NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST By Bill, W8DMR

1988 DAYTON HAMVENTION ATV FORUM SCHEDULE - Tom, W60RG, reports the speakers and their subjects for the ATV Forum to be held at the Dayton Hamvention on Saturday 30 April from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. are as follows:

Bill Brown, WB8ELK - Balloon Launch Recap Tom O'Hara, W6ORG - ATV Basics and 905 MHz ATV A. N. Emmerson, G8PTH - European ATV Steve Goode, K9NG - Shuttle Proposal

The exact order of presentation is yet to be determined.

1254 MHz TEST BEACON, CENTERVILLE, OHIO - Bruce, WB8UGV, has a wide lobe corner reflector antenna fed with one watt of rf pointed toward Dick, W8RVH. The transmitter is a modified APX-6 oscillator which is amplitude modulated with an audio tone. If you wish to hear the full quieting CW tone, contact Dick who will rebroadcast it on 147.45 MHz.

CRYSTAL FOR 434.0 MHz — A letter received from P.C. Electronics indicates that a price break is not available for the purchase of a quantity of ten crystals. This item may be purchased from Jan Crystals (open for business Monday through Thursday only), Fort Myers, Florida, in single quantities for \$10.00. This is a \$5.00 savings, and three weeks should be allowed for first class postpaid delivery. When ordering, request a 5th overtone, a frequency of 108.5 MHz, and a HC25/U holder.

FIRST 1.2 MHz ATV FM RECEIVER IN FRANKLIN COUNTY! — John, WASEOY, has his new WR-FM4912 receiver with external preamp from Wyman Research checked out and operational. He is watching for anyone transmitting an FM modulated ATV signal with at least +/- 4 MHz deviation and 6 MHz subcarrier audio.

BLACK AND WHITE 5-INCH TV SET MODIFICATIONS - Several ATCO members have changed the lower limit of the variator tuning voltage on these sets thus reaching the 439.25 MHz ATV frequency. By increasing the tuning voltage, the tuner will tune as high as 915 MHz for the upper limit (see page 5 for details). Sun has these units in stock for approximately \$35.00; an optional car cord is available for an additional \$9.00.

USING A 1278 MHz TRIPLER AS A LINEAR AMPLIFIER FOR ATV - WASEOY is currently accomplishing this heretofore impossible feat. An ATCO Newsletter article giving details is in the works. How it actually operates is unusual, to say the least!

WANTED, ARTICLES FOR THE ATCO NEWSLETTER - Send 'em to the ATCO Newsletter Editor now!

## IN-BANDERS, OUT-BANDERS

Oh how nice ATV could be If I could receive a picture Without in-band interference Caused by a link in the community.

They arque. "440 is theirs!". Who really cares. As my reception unacceptably tears?

They claim, "A 440 link is OK!" Day after day. Will the interference ever go away?

They proclaim, "We were here first!", But the situation continues to get worse.

Crosshatch...

Video Bars...

Loss of Color... Loss of Sound... Loss of Picture...

Look around -Is there no band plan to be found?

Oh why can't the coordinators come and see What all this is doing to my TV!

- By an anonymous ATV ham (Submitted by Dave, KB2ARL.) \*

# COAXIAL CABLE LOSSES DB/100 FEET

CABLE TYPE AND	i	FREQU	JENCY IN MH	<u>z</u>
DESCRIPTION	144	220 44	<u>40</u> <u>905</u>	<u>1296</u> <u>2304</u>
0.14 In. SEMI-RIGID RG-58/U				
RG-8,-11,-213,-214	2.4	3.45	.08.0	.10.715.9
B-9913, C-1180 1/2 In. FOAM FLEX	0.9	1.31	.92.9	3.75.4
RG-17/U 1/2 In. FOAM HELIAX				
7/8 In. FOAM HELIAX 7/8 In. AIR HELIAX				
1.0 In. HARDLINE 1-5/8 In. FOAM HELIAX.				
NOTE: B = BELDEN; C =				

#### MATCHING ANTENNAS

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To calculate a quarter-wave line:

 $\lambda/4 = 246 / f (in MHz) \times V (velocity factor)$ 

V = .66 for solid dielectric coax

V = .80 for foam dielectric coax

Example using a quarter-wave length of RG-8U solid dielectric coax for 439.25 MHz:

 $\lambda/4 = 246 / 439.25 \times .66 = .369$  feet = 4.435 inches

To calculate a half-wave length section:  $\lambda/2 = 492 / f \times V$ 

Quarter-wave sections may be paralleled to obtain lines of one-half the impedance of the single line. (Submitted by Guy, K8HVA.)

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#### APRIL ARITHMETICKLER

Here's a brain teaser that may tantalize your puzzle solving talent. If you can figure it out, you will prove that 2 does equal 1!

- 1. Let A = B
- 2. Multiply both sides by A:  $A^2 = AB$
- 3. Subtract  $B^2$  from both sides:  $A^2 B^2 = AB B^2$ : factor, (A+B)(A-B) = B(A-B)
- 4. Divide both sides by (A-B): (A+B) = B
- 5. Given, A = B, therefore: B + B = B or, 2B = B so, 2 = 1 WHY???

#### OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our thanks to the following ATCO members for submitting articles published in this issue of the ATCO Newsletter!

Dale, WA8KQQ - "Yaqi Antenna for 900 MHz."

Bill, W8DMR - "Antenna Stacking Distance" and "ATV News Items of Interest."

Guy, K8HVA - "Video Modulator for 2039 Final" and "Matching Antennas."

Dave, W8AER, offers a "Helpful Hint."

Bob, W8TV - His "Arithmetickler" will exercise your brain.

Dave, KB2ARL - "In-Bander, Out-Bander" a bit of poetry.

Bill, WB8ELK, Tom, KA8ZNY, and Bill, WB8URI, for the "Five Inch TV Set Modification" article.

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Place your ad in the ATCO Newsletter for items related to amateur radio and television — there's no charge to ATCO members. Fublication is subject to space availability.

# ATCO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CASH BALANCE: As of 31 December 1987\$243.13
RECEIPTS: Dues\$290.00
EXPENDITURES: Printing charges for January 1988 ATCO Newsletter\$ 59.08 Postage for January 1988 ATCO Newsletter
Total expenditures \$ 97.04
SUMMARY: Cash Balance as of 31 December 1987\$243.13 Receipts
Balance as of 31 March 1988\$436.09
22 CENT POSTAGE STAMP INVENTORY: Stamps on hand as of 31 December 1987
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The above financial report was prepared as of 31 March 1988 by Warren G. Duemmel, KA8GZQ, Acting ATCO Treasurer.
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# YOUR ATCO DOLLARS

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Newsletter printing charges and miscellaneous costs (printer paper, printer ribbons, photo copies, drawing supplies, etc.) incidental to publication amounted to \$268.39. Postage charges were \$83.37. The total of these two items was \$351.76.

Lunch and refreshments for The Antenna Measuring Party on 19 September required a cash outlay of \$53.82.

So, our total expenses from the treasury were \$405.58 or \$9.66 for each member.

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# FIVE INCH TV SET MODIFICATION

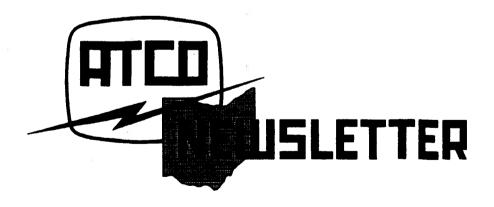
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Ten Kai manufactures a similar unit with a February 1987 date. To modify this set, substitute R702 for R110 and SVR704 for VR101 above and proceed as instructed.

Tuners for both TV sets with part numbers CAE 5-724 and CAE 5-717 can be modified for 439 and 900 MHz. (Technical information supplied by Bill, WB8ELK, and Tom, KA8ZNY. Article submitted by Bill, WB8URI.)

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# PLAN TO ATTEND THE ATCO TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM



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